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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FOREIGN MINISTER STATEMENT ON ANGOLA RAID

1. FOLLOWING IS THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS ACCOUNT OF STATEMENT
MADE PUBLIC BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA YESTERDAY MAY 5 IN WHICH
HE URGENTLY CALLS ON THE WESTERN POWERS TO PUT THEIR PROPOSAL
THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WARNS THAT THE LEADERS OF
SOUTH WEST AFRICA ARE NOT PREPARED TO WAIT MUCH LONGER:

QUOTE

"IN ALL OUR NEGOTIATIONS THE WESTERN POWERS LAID GREAT STRESS
ON THE ESSENTIAL NEED FOR THE HALTING OF VIOLENCE.

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" AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE CRUX OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS IS
THAT THE CONTINUOUS VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION MUST BE ENDED
IN ORDER TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA THE OPPORTUNITY
TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION UNTRAMMELED
AND FREELY.

"SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS WILLING AND READY TO IMPLEMENT THE WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN ISSUE BUT WE ALSO KEEP INSISTING THAT THE TERRORISTS SHOULD END THEIR ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

"IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT SWAPO NOT ONLY CONTINUED ITS PROGRAMME OF TERROR AFTER SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTED THE PROPOSALS BUT THAT IT HAD ALSO DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS EXTENDED AND INTENSIFIED ITS ACTS OF VIOLENCE OVER A WIDE FRONT.

"SWAPO'S ANSWER TO OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN TO COMMIT MORE VIOLENCE.

"FOR THAT MATTER SWAPO OPENLY BOASTS THAT IT WILL CONTINUE AND EXTEND ITS ONSLAUGHTS.

"I ONCE AGAIN APPEAL TO THE WESTERN POWERS TO URGENTLY PILOT THEIR PROPOSALS THROUGH THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

"THE LEADERS OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA ARE NOT PREPARED TO WAIT MUCH LONGER.

"THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY ARE ENTITLED AT THIS STAGE TO ENTER AND TO FINALIZE THE PROCESS WHICH MUST LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE.

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